

God Have Us, Keep Us

1) Not a prayer, but The Prayer...

1 Thess 3:11-13

Echoed at end of Romans, Hebrews, 1 Peter, Jude...

2) Asking for what has been Instructed to do

3) “May God Have All of You”

Sanctify

Entirely

4) “May God Keep All of You”

Blameless – now this is not referring to our positional standing before God (justified, having Jesus’ righteousness written on our account).

It doesn’t necessarily mean perfect, but simply living well, as one ought to live.

See 1 Th 2:10, Phil 3:6, 2:14-16...

5) Promise – v. 24

6) Perspective – v. 25

Praxis

1. Is your tendency to “pray, not work” or “work, not pray”? Why is that?
2. Identify an area you need to work / pray in each of the following core areas of the Christian life... what could be stopped and what could be started? Share with one another and pray together over them.

- Worship – personal relating with the Lord
- Witness – gospel sharing to the lost
- Work – serving fellow believers & the church
- Walk – active personal obedience in everyday life